

Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 13

Meeting Date: February 17, 2006

Meeting Location: Greene County DCS/DFR

Council Members Present:

Cheri Slover, Greene County DCS Acting Director; Stephanie Raventos, Owen County DCS Acting Director; Lindsey Smith, Monroe County DCS Director; Judge David Welch, Monroe County Court; William Walker, Regional Manager; Beverly Haynes, Greene County CASA Director; Cami Terry, Lawrence County DCS FCM II; Angie Baugh, Owen County Foster Parent; Debbie Dailey, Brown County Director.

Council Members Absent:

Judge David Johnson, Greene County Circuit Court; Judge Andrea McCord, Lawrence County Court

Others In Attendance:

None

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Meeting Called to Order at: 10:00 a.m.

1. First Order of Business: **DCS staff changes**

Mr. Walker informed the council that the Lawrence County Director is no longer at Lawrence County. Debbie Dailey, Director of Brown County, is the acting director for Lawrence County at this time. The position will be posted in the next several weeks.

Other changes: another supervisor's position has been posted for Monroe County. Monroe County is working on restructuring. The plans are Monroe County will have 3 units of investigation and ongoing. This will better utilize the staff and the management. Mr. Smith is in the process of interviewing new applicants.

2. Second Order of Business: Regional Service Council Protocol

Handout was given.

Mr. Walker reviewed changes in the Regional Service Council Protocol. On the last page of the protocol there was a paragraph underlined regarding documents distributed during the Regional Service Council meeting and what the procedure was to obtain them if you were not a member.

3. Third Order of Business: Community Partners for Child Safety

Region 13 still has not had any service providers put in a bid for Community Partners for Child Safety. Mr. Walker may approach two agencies regarding the Community Partners for Child Safety and explain the service so they have a better understanding. It is an early intervention service. This is a safety net that we can make referrals to and help keep children in the home. They can pay rent, help with car repairs, tutoring for school or anything to help prevent child abuse/neglect. The service would be contracted. This service would be open to the public.

Cheri Slover asked if there would be guidelines for the service. Mr. Walker said it would have to be a collaborative issue. It would be monitored.

Judge Welch stated that this service sounds like what Wrap Around does in Monroe County. He feels that another agency might get heat from the council by taking this service on. Mr. Walker said that this service could work with the Wrap Around Program.

Beverly Haynes said it would be good to see the proposals for the service. Mr. Walker intends on having the agency attend the RSC meeting and discuss what they would do and if have them here incase any members would have questions for them regarding this service.

Bill goes over the budget/tax levy handout with everyone present.

4. Fourth Order of Business: **Proposed Services**

Spread sheet was handed out.

Mr. Walker went over the spread sheet explaining the different proposals made for each county that Directors and Supervisors selected for their county.

Mr. Walker explained the process of how the providers submitted for services and cost that they would work with for the counties. Explained that Supervisors and Directors had to go through all the bids and score them. They looked at the cost, previous experience and the services provided. The proposed services listed on the handout are what the counties were interested in after they went through the scoring process.

Mr. Walker said that after the bids were placed, scoring was complete and the recommendations for each county was complete; then it has to go before the Regional Service Council for the final say whether the recommendations for the service provider for the counties are approve or not. The council will have the final say if they approve the recommendations.

Mr. Walker had each county go through the proposed service list and explain who and why they are recommending the providers selected.

Judge Welch asked by approving preferences, DCS will reach out to the providers and ask them if the providers are willing to provide services to these counties? Mr. Walker said if everyone signs off on it, he will go back to the providers and see if they would take on the contract.

Mr. Walker asked for a motion to adopt the recommendations.

Judge Welch moved for the motion. Lindsey Smith seconded the motion.

All of the Regional Service Council Members indicated that they were in favor of the motion. There were no objections to this motion.

5. Fifth Order of Business: In-Service in Monroe County

Monroe County will be having an in-service between Probation and DCS. This will give DCS and Probation a chance to sit down and discuss budget, how each office works and a few other things. If anyone would have any suggestions, please contact Lindsey Smith. Mr. Walker would like to have the Director and another representative from Lawrence County attend so they can sit through the meeting and maybe duplicate it.

6. Sixth Order of Business: Case Conference Training

Sharon Grayson is holding a training on case conferencing in Greene County on March 6, 2006. It will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and restart and 1:00 p.m. and should end by 3:00 p.m. If anyone has staff from their local office that would like to attend, they are more than welcome to attend.

7. Closing of the meeting:

The recommendations for the proposed Service Providers have been adopted.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

March 17, 2006 Greene County DFR/DCS Office 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:15 p.m.